Information from Nobel Industries and West Germany on commissions

2237. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has seen the Press reports to the effect that Nobel Industries' Chief of Information has said that if India asked for names of persons to whom commissions and other payments have been made by Bofors, they will give out all the details;

(b) whether Government have since asked the Nobel Industries/Bofors for such information; and

(c) what has been the results of Indian inquiry to the FRG Government to make available details of the payment in submarines case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): a) Yes, Sir. However, contrary reports also appeared in the Press on 28.6.87 attributing to the President of Nobel Industries a statement that Bofors would not answer the Indian Government's question on who received the alleged payments.

(b) Yes, Sir. Government had asked Bofors for such information on the 16th June, 1987

(c) The reply of the West German Government has been received and is being examined.

Purchase of anti-radiation missiles from Soviet Union

2238. SHRI SHARAD YADAV:

SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the development of anti-radiation missile (ARM) by the Soviet Union which can render the US AWACS, being acquired by Pakistan, useless and ineffective; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to purchase these missiles from USSR or to develop the technology within the country with Soviet collaboration; if so; what steps have been taken by Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) Government are aware of some information on this subject published in certain Western Defence Journals. However, Government have no authentic information regarding the development on an Anti-Radiation Missile (ARM) by the Soviet Union which can counter the AWACS. The question, therefore, of procuring these missiles or their technology would not arise for the present.

Export of computers

2239. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that computer manufacturers in the country are being asked by Government to export part of their production; if so, what are the figures of export, both in terms of money and numbers of computers and the allied products exported during the last three years;

(b) what are the projections of exports of computers and the allied products during 1987-88, 1988-89 and 1989-90.

(c) what are the details of various steps being taken by Government to ensure that computer manufacturers increase the exports; and

(d) whether Government are contemplating any change in their policy

to sanction new/additional capacity in computers only with export obligation; if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. P. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir. All units whose proposal was considered by the Government after 25th July, 1986 have been asked to export part of their production in respect of computers and peripherals.

The details of export of computers during past three years are given in the enclosed statement (*See* below).

(b) Projections for exports (Rupees in crores):

1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	
10.00	16 00	25.00	(hardware an allied item
80.00	144 00	300 00	Software)

(c) The Government has announced a software development and export policy in December 1986 which will give a boost to the software export. An Electronics & Computer Software Export Promotion Council has also been set up by the Ministry of Commerce to provide assistance to the exporters.

(d) Government are considering the general question of export obligation on computer manufacturers but no decision has been taken so far.

Statement

Export of Computers & Allied Products

(Value : Rs. in lakhs)

	1984		1985		1986	
	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
Computers . . .	2	3.10	15	38.70	47	197.47
Allied products . .	—	85.00	—	31.00	—	202.00
Software	—	2041.90	—	2799.30	—	4200.00

Computer export obligations of Modis and Hinditron

2240. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Modis, who have been allowed computer collaboration with Olivetti of Italy, have been given an export obligation of only 10 per cent whereas M/s. Hinditron Computers Private Limited, Bombay, who has been allowed collaboration with DEC of USA, has been given an export obligation of 30 per cent, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) what is the percentage of export obligation imposed on each of the indigenous computer manufacturers, including those belonging to the small sector, who have been sanctioned new/additional capacity during the last two years?